MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know from the member how many applications were disposed of in 1103 and 1104 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That requires an enquiry with the Land Revenue Commissioner. I have not got that information.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know from the member whether that requires additional hands ?

PRESIDENT : That is a new question.

Raising the grade of the Erumakkuzhi Primary School.

86. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware :

(i) that the building in which the present Vernacular Primary School at Erumakkuzhi is housed has been constructed and handed over by the public for the purpose of opening a Vernacular Middle School ;

(ii) that there are seven other Primary Schools in the neighbourhood which would act as feeder schools for the same ; and

(iii) that the above building could conveniently accommodate Middle School Classes also ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have considered the question of raising it to a Middle School on that ground ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (i) The document by which the building was transferred to Government states that a Higher Grade Elementary School building was constructed by the signatories to the document and handed over by them to Government unconditionally. There was no promise of any kind to raise the standard of the school.

(ii) No. Two Primary Schools alone can conveniently supply pupils for Class V, the other schools around being incomplete Prmiary Schools.

(iii) The school has more accommodation than is required for its present needs, but not enough for a complete Middle School.

(*b*) The Government have decided against the raising of the Erumakkuzhi Primary School to a Middle School.

Rules under the Village Panchayat Regulation.

87. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for not publishing the rules under the Village Panchayat Regulation even though draft rules were published about 18 months back ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Draft rules framed by the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil were published in the issue of the *Gazette* dated the 17th July 1928. The two months' time fixed

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[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

for the submission of criticisms and suggestions on the draft rules expired on the 17th September 1928. As it was found that the draft rules required revision in the light of the criticisms offered and with special reference to local and financial requirements and the rules obtaining elsewhere, the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil was addressed to have the rules revised accordingly. The revised draft rules have been received recently and they are being examined with a view to have the rules finally passed and the Village Panchayat Regulation brought into operation soon.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member the persons from whom criticisms were received after the publication of the Rules in the Gazette?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I think criticisms were received from a gentleman from Kottayam. His name is Mr. Sankara Pillai.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether it was difficult for the Government to incorporate his amendments in order to avoid criticisms?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is for the Government to see whether his amendments are to be accepted after a careful consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it for that purpose that more than 16 months were taken?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was only recently that the amendments were incorporated and some more suggestions were received from the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The period fixed for the submission of criticisms and suggestions on the draft rules expired on the 17th September 1928. This is January 1930. What I wish to know is, how is it, so much time was taken for improving the rules according to the criticism of one individual?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Several modifications had to be made.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member what those suggestions were?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot definitely state what those amendments are. Government took time to consider the amendments.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated in the aswer as follows: "As it was found that the draft rules required revision in the light of the criticisms offered and with special reference to local and financial requirements and the rules obtaining elsewhere the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil was addresed to have the rules revised accordingly." Were those suggestions taken into consideration before publishing the draft rules?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): After further consideration of these amendments some more suggestions came to the notice of the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Were not those draft rules published in the Gazette on the 17th July 1928 and were they not considered?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not all amendments.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Why were those not considered then?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That cannot be stated now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is there any assurance now that all these have been considered now and that the rules would be duly published?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That remains to be seen.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): After finding out some mistake that has been committed in framing the original draft rules, will they see such an omission does not occur in the first instance?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is exactly the reason———

PRESIDENT: It seems to me that nothing will be lost either by the member himself or by the House, if the member takes up a less truculent attitude, not so much in matter as in manner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know, Sir, the reasons why—

PRESIDENT: The manner in which you ask questions is so truculent that some offensive tone is involved. Please ask, "Will the member be pleased to state."

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I shall observe that.

Will the member be pleased to state whether he will see that such omissions do not occur in the revised rules that are to be published in the *Gazette*?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Those matters which were before the Government were considered. Even now, suggestions as they come are being considered and Government will see, that all such amendments are incorporated in the rules to be published, to the best of their judgment.

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